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CenturyLink to connect teachers with technology by offering \$70,000 in grants in Idaho

Applications being accepted through April 26, 2013

BOISE, Idaho – [CenturyLink, Inc.](#) (NYSE: CTL) is connecting teachers with technology for the classroom. The CenturyLink Foundation’s Teachers and Technology grant program is now accepting applications from teachers in CenturyLink’s local service areas who want to innovatively implement technology in their classroom to increase student achievement. Applications must be received by April 26, 2013.

“CenturyLink has been a great partner to Idaho schools, providing more than \$600,000 in grants to Idaho teachers over the past eight years,” said Tom Luna, Idaho superintendent of public instruction. “This is an excellent way for teachers to get more of the instructional technology they need into the classroom to create a fun and engaging learning experience for all students.”

Projects from previous years have ranged from robotics and rocketry to innovative “treadmill desks.” Last year’s grants included funding for Lenovo ThinkPad tablets for a classroom in Middleton, laptop computers for science labs in Eagle and a computer engraver to help students with limited physical ability in Boise engrave high-quality items.

“There are many teachers in Idaho who are doing innovative things with technology in their classrooms,” said Jim Schmit, CenturyLink’s vice president and general manager for Idaho. “This is a great opportunity for the CenturyLink Foundation to make a positive difference in students’ lives by identifying some of those teachers, recognizing them for their outstanding work, and supporting them with financial assistance to expand their use of technology even further. From our past experience with these grants, students are genuinely excited to experience the learning opportunities provided by these teachers through their creative use of technology.”

CenturyLink service is neither required nor considered in review of applications. To learn more about the program or to apply for a grant, visit http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/tech_services/grants_contracts.htm.

About the CenturyLink Foundation

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